

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

NICOLE SANDERS

Plaintiff,

v.

**MARY HENSLEY, DENNIS CROWSON,
SHERI RICH, and ERIKAH BROWN,**

Defendants.

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Case No. 1:15-cv-00426-LY

**PARTIES' NOTICE OF TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT
AND JOINT MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE COURT:

The parties move for an extension of time as follows:

1. This is a student free speech case. On March 14, 2016, the parties informed the Court they were involved in good faith settlement discussions (Dkt. 17).
2. Since then, the parties have reached an agreement in principle to settle the case, including negotiation of a settlement agreement. The final step is approval by the board of trustees of Blinn College. The board of trustees' next meeting is May 3, 2016.
3. The current deadline for submission of a proposed scheduling order is April 22, 2016 (Dkt. 18), but the parties submit that their having reached a settlement in principle obviates the need for a scheduling order. Given the need to have the board of trustees approve the settlement, and the time needed for ensuing steps to execute the agreement and satisfy certain conditions precedent for filing of a stipulation of dismissal, the parties respectfully request that the Court set a deadline of May 31, 2016, for submission of a stipulation of dismissal or, if necessary, a status report stating a date by which filing of a stipulation of dismissal is expected.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the parties pray that the Court will (i) forgo the requirement for the parties to submit a proposed scheduling order and (ii) provide the parties until May 31, 2016, to complete the settlement process or to file a status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Parties' Notice Of Tentative Settlement And Joint Motion for Continuance* has been served on all known counsel of record on April 22, 2016, properly addressed as follows:

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